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REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/13 AND ENDING 12/31/13
 MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:

Surety Financial Services, Inc.

ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)

OFFICIAL USE ONLY
FIRM I.D. NO.

3375 Park Avenue, Suite 3006

(No. and Street)

Wantagh

NY

11793

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT

John J. Renck

(516) 785-2355

(Area Code - Telephone Number)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in the Report*

Rubio CPA, PC

(Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name)

900 Circle 75 Parkway SE, Suite 1100

Atlanta

Georgia

30339

(Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

CHECK ONE:

- Certified Public Accountant
- Public Accountant
- Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions.

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*Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See Section 240.17a-5(e)(2)

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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, John J. Renck, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Surety Financial Services, Inc., as of December 31, 2013, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:

[Signature]
Notary Public

[Signature]
Signature
V.P.
Title

This report ** contains (check all applicable boxes):

- (a) Facing Page.
- (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- (c) Statement of Income (Loss).
- (d) Statement of Changes in Financial Condition.
- (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietors' Capital.
- (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
- (g) Computation of Net Capital.
- (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
- (i) Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
- (j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-3 and the Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
- (k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation.
- (l) An Oath or Affirmation.
- (m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report
- (n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.

DERREL ANTHONY KEMP
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01KE6290561
Qualified in Suffolk County
Commission Expires Oct. 07, 2017

**For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17z-5(e)(3).

SURETY FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.
Financial Statements
For the Year Ended
December 31, 2013
With
Independent Auditor's Report

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Stockholder
Surety Financial Services, Inc.

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Surety Financial Services, Inc. which comprise the statement of financial condition as of December 31, 2013 and the related statements of operations, stockholder's equity, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements that are to be filed pursuant to Rule 17a-5 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Surety Financial Services, Inc. as of December 31, 2013 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Supplemental Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in the Schedules I, II and III is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by Rule 17a-5 of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

February 27, 2014
Atlanta, Georgia

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RUBIO CPA, PC

SURETY FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
DECEMBER 31, 2013

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 101,731
Accounts receivable – broker dealers	11,676
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$117,070	<u> -</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 113,407</u>

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

LIABILITIES	
Accrued liabilities	<u>\$ 24,288</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>24,288</u>
STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY	<u>89,119</u>
Total Liabilities and Stockholder's Equity	<u>\$ 113,407</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

SURETY FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

REVENUES	
Commissions	\$ 176,756
Interest Income	<u>113</u>
Total revenues	<u>176,869</u>
GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	
Employee compensation and benefits	122,172
Communications	2,655
Occupancy	8,408
Other operating expenses	<u>30,782</u>
Total expenses	<u>164,017</u>
NET INCOME	<u><u>\$ 12,852</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

SURETY FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Net Income	\$ 12,852
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash used by operating activities:	
Increase in accounts receivable – broker dealers	(3,166)
Increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses	<u>20,604</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>30,290</u>
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	30,290
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS BALANCE:	
Beginning of year	<u>71,441</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 101,731</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

SURETY FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY
For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

Balance, December 31, 2012	\$ 76,267
Net income	<u>12,852</u>
Balance, December 31, 2013	<u>\$ 89,119</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

SURETY FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2013

NOTE A — SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization and Description of Business: Surety Financial Services, Inc. began business on March 10, 2005 when it acquired substantially all of the assets and liabilities of Monitoring and Evaluation Services, Inc.

The Company is a registered broker dealer organized under the laws of the state of New York. The Company is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and the securities commissions of appropriate states.

The Company's business is institutional brokerage of marketable securities and investment consultant services for customers located throughout the United States. The Company operates from offices located in Wantagh, New York.

Cash and Cash Equivalents: The Company considers all cash and money market instruments with a maturity of ninety days or less to be cash and cash equivalents.

The Company maintains its demand deposits in high credit quality financial institutions. Balances at times may exceed federally insured limits.

Property and Equipment: Property and equipment are recorded at cost. Depreciation is provided by use of straight-line methods over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets.

Income Taxes: The Company has elected to be taxed as an S corporation. Therefore the income or losses of the Company flow through to the stockholder and no income taxes are recorded in the accompanying financial statements.

The Company has adopted the provisions of FASB Accounting Standards Codification, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes. Thus, the Company is required to evaluate each of its tax positions to determine if they are more likely than not to be sustained if the taxing authority examines the respective position. A tax position includes an entity's status, including its status as a pass-through entity, and the decision not to file a return. The Company has evaluated each of its tax positions and has determined that no provision or liability for income taxes is necessary.

The Company, which files income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction and various state jurisdictions, is no longer subject to U.S. federal income tax examination by tax authorities for years before 2010.

SURETY FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2013

NOTE A — SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Estimates: Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Actual results could vary from the estimates that were assumed in preparing the financial statements.

Securities Transactions: Customer's securities transactions are reported on a settlement date basis. There is no significant difference between settlement and trade date.

Date of Management's Review: Subsequent events were evaluated through February 27, 2014, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Accounts Receivable - Broker Dealers: The Company provides for doubtful accounts when market conditions indicate that collection of an account is doubtful. The receivables at December 31, 2013 are considered wholly collectible and no allowance for doubtful accounts is provided.

NOTE B — LEASES

During 2013, the Company occupied office premises and made payments to a landlord under a lease held by Monitoring and Evaluation Services, Inc. ("Monitoring") a sister company. During 2013, approximately 75% of the lease obligation of Monitoring was paid by the Company (see Note F).

Rent expense for the year ended December 31, 2013 was approximately \$8,000.

NOTE C — NET CAPITAL

The Company, as a registered broker dealer is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. At December 31, 2013, the Company had net capital of \$77,443, which was \$72,443 in excess of its required net capital of \$5,000 and its ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was .31 to 1.0.

SURETY FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2013

NOTE D — OFF BALANCE SHEET RISK

In the normal course of business, the Company's customers execute securities transactions through the Company. These activities may expose the Company to off balance sheet risk in the event the customer or other broker is unable to fulfill its contracted obligations and the Company has to purchase or sell the financial instrument underlying the contract at a loss. The Company seeks to control the aforementioned risks by requiring customers to maintain margin collateral in compliance with various regulatory requirements and the clearing brokers internal guidelines. The Company monitors its customer activity by reviewing information it receives from its clearing brokers on a daily basis, and requiring customers to deposit additional collateral, or reduce positions when necessary.

NOTE E — RETIREMENT PLAN

The Company has a defined contribution retirement plan covering all full-time employees. The Company's contributions are discretionary. There was no contribution expense for 2013.

NOTE F — RELATED PARTIES

The Company shares office facilities with Monitoring and Evaluation Services, Inc., a sister company. During 2013, the Company paid approximately 75% of the occupancy costs of the shared office facilities (see Note B). In addition, employees of the Company provide some services to Monitoring and employees of Monitoring provide some services to the Company.

Financial position and results of operations would differ from the amounts in the accompanying financial statements if these transactions did not exist.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

SCHEDULE I
SURETY FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL UNDER RULE 15c3-1
OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION ACT OF 1934
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2013

NET CAPITAL:

Total stockholder's equity	<u>\$ 89,119</u>
Less nonallowable assets:	
Accounts receivable	<u>(11,676)</u>
	<u>(11,676)</u>
Net capital before haircuts	77,443
Less haircuts	<u> -</u>
Net capital	<u>\$ 77,443</u>
Minimum net capital required	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
Excess net capital	<u>\$ 72,443</u>
Aggregate indebtedness	<u>\$ 24,288</u>
Net capital based on aggregate indebtedness	<u>\$ 1,619</u>
Ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital	<u>.31 to 1.0</u>

RECONCILIATION WITH COMPANY'S COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL INCLUDED
IN PART IIA OF FORM X-17A-5 AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2013

There is no significant difference between net capital as reported in Part A of Form X-17a-5 and net capital as reported above.

SURETY FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

**SCHEDULE II
COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF RESERVE REQUIREMENTS
UNDER RULE 15c3-3 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2013**

The Company is exempt from the provisions of Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, pursuant to paragraph (k)(2)(ii) of the Rule.

**SCHEDULE III
INFORMATION RELATING TO THE POSSESSION OR CONTROL REQUIREMENTS
UNDER RULE 15c3-3 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2013**

The Company is exempt from the provisions of Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, pursuant to paragraph (k)(2)(ii) of the Rule.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL ACCOUNTING CONTROL
REQUIRED BY RULE 17a-5**

To the Stockholder
Surety Financial Services, Inc.

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Surety Financial Services, Inc., for the year ended December 31, 2013, we considered its internal control structure, in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

Also, as required by Rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission, we have made a study of the practices and procedures (including test of compliance with such practices and procedures) followed by Surety Financial Services, Inc., that we considered relevant to the objective stated in Rule 17a-5(g). We also made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness and net capital under Rule 17a-3(a)(11) and the procedure for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry security accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company related to the following: (1) in making the quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications and comparisons, and the recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13; (2) in complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and (3) in obtaining and maintaining physical possession or control of all fully paid and excess margin securities of customers as required by Rule 15c3-3.

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the commission's above-mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of an internal control structure and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure or the practices and procedures referred to above, errors or irregularities may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

A *control deficiency* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A *material weakness* is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of the specific internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, we noted no matters involving the internal control structure that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the Commission to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at December 31, 2013 to meet the Commission's objectives.

This report recognizes that it is not practicable in an organization the size of the Company to achieve all the divisions of duties and cross-checks generally included in a system of internal accounting control, and that alternatively, greater reliance must be placed on surveillance by management.

This report is intended solely for the use of management, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the National Association of Securities Dealers and other regulatory agencies which rely on Rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers and should not be used for any other purpose.

February 27, 2014
Atlanta, Georgia

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